

On Local Golf Links

BY MILLER BECKETT.

To the struggling amateur golfer, who, regarding his game as well-nigh hopeless, has in desperation ransacked the professional's shop in an endeavor to collect a new set of clubs likely to serve him better, some satisfaction may be gleaned from a few words of advice offered by Edward Ray, open champion of Great Britain. Until the perfect set is got, the champion says "it must be obvious to all that it will be necessary to buy and test many clubs. As a natural result, a large percentage of the weapons will find a resting place in lockers, though it not infrequently happens that drivers and irons long since thrown aside in disgust are sometimes brought forth and produce such results as to cause the owner to wonder what in the world he has been thinking about all of the time."

The happy resurrection of clubs fallen from grace often happens with regard to putters. No type of club is so often tried, discarded and tried again as a putter, which one day seems possessed of some magic power and the next worse than useless.

Although a great deal of this shifting about is after all mere fancy, yet it is equally true that no man ever works his way into the low handicap class without having first purchased and tried scores of clubs. His part to proficiency is literally strewn with them. There is likewise a little doubt that much of this experimenting is due to ignorance of what is best for one's style of play.

Often a club that first appeals to the player and then falls to come up to expectations has been discarded too hastily in favor of a new purchase. Then again when a favorite is broken, it rarely matters how exact the golfer may be, the new member of the kit rarely performs its work quite as satisfactorily as the old, although if given a little time it is likely to become an equally willing servant.

The golfer when selecting a club should be careful to get one that suits his style, for, best of all persons, is the one to know what amount of swing he requires in the shaft. If his swinging be of the slow, deliberate kind, then a stiff shaft is useless. It is not sheer weight that produces the long ball, rather accurate timing, and to bring that about the golfer should use a club that he can swing without effort.

Every golfer knows, or should know, that the shaft is the most important of the club, and therefore when a purchase is being made care should be taken to see that it is right. Good Hickory is becoming scarcer every year, and the purchaser must not complain if asked to pay an additional half-dollar for a shaft which has a perfect grain. No matter how good the shaft might be, it is useless if the shaft is not, and the worthless shaft is that without life, a shaft which, pressed on the ground, stays where it has been forced. A good shaft always resumes the original shape when pressure is put upon it.

In considering shaft or socket clubs, Ray prefers the latter, believing that there is less give in the neck, but the professional ranks are pretty evenly divided on the question. Where an amateur often makes a mistake is in the position of the grip. In Ray's opinion, the amateur may possibly come to the conclusion that his grips are too thin and bring them to the professional to have them thickened, but in doing so he is displacing a certain amount of weight, the head of the club now feels lighter and the balance of the club is partly destroyed. He soon brings it back, not under the influence of reason, to have a little weight added, and when this is done the club is totally different and soon discarded.

It is, of course, a good thing for the club makers that fancy is rife in the game, for the trader would soon be at a standstill if it were not. However, there is a limit to the life of even a golf club, and shafts do not keep their virtues for a lengthy period. They lose their nature and feel dead, and the owner often wonders why it is that he does not get the length that he used to get. In a putter almost anything can be forgiven.

Touching on the number of clubs carried, Ray believes that the fewer there are in the bag the better. If there are two irons, or two mashes, of equal power, it is sure that whichever is taken is the wrong one. Ray advises that there should be one set, and that is the one to be used alone.

unless it happens that extra clubs are taken along in case of one of them breaking. Ray would not have a club in his bag outside of the regular, except for the purpose of providing against breakage.

be of interest in this country for the reason that so many people look forward expectantly to the visit of the open champion and Harry Vardon to America in August and September. Furthermore, the competitors in the British open championship at Hoylake in June will be more than ordinarily followed by Americans this year, in view of the representation from America going over to compete. Here such men as Ray and Vardon, James Braid, J. H. Taylor, Alex. Herd, George Duncan and Arnaud Massey are to be met by our pros, and, if possible, conquered.

There is even now considerable talk on this side of the ocean as to how this man plays that shot or that Briton negotiates the other. Vardon's famous push shot has been copied the world over, and many an American has tried to master it.

Vardon admires the way Braid plays this particular shot. "If you want to see the purest shot played to perfection," says the former British champion, "there is nobody better to watch than Braid. Addressing the ball with his hands a little in front of it, he takes the club back in a more upright manner than for the ordinary stroke. Then, at the moment of impact, his arms lengthen, or, at any rate, straighten, and he pushes them through as he gives the object a mighty thump."

There is one particular spot in which Braid shines brightly. It is when he has met with trouble. In fact, so many pictures have been taken and so much written about Braid's brilliancy in recovering from a trap or the rough that those who have never seen him play are inclined to the idea that only his ability to recover has made him a great player. In fact, Braid rarely gets into difficulties, but when he does, one of the finest pieces of golf imaginable immediately follows.

There is only one condition that makes Braid fearful of trouble, and that is where it happens that he has no room to swing his club. Given that room, and he will recover from almost anything. It is thrilling. The trouble may be rank grass, rocks or a railway track, and as he takes the club up the spectators realize that something has to go, and that the ball will go with it. He brings his nibble down with terrific power, and while in a bunker, his shot is as perfect as human agency can get it. Braid's ability to steer clear of trouble has robbed golf of many a shot that might be classified as magnificent.

Then there is J. H. Taylor, "John Henry," whose specialty is a full iron shot or a mashie shot. His cut stroke with the last named weapon is a picture, and has often been declared ideal. He stands with the face of a club, club turned slightly away from the ball. It seems as if he always aims at the left of the pin, and cuts the ball. That being his natural method, his excellence at the cut mashie stroke is understood. He is never caught trying to coax the rubber core, he gives it a forceful blow every time.

Arnaud Massey, former French and British champion, introduces a remarkable amount of "stop" into his lofted shots and obtains the influence by means of a swing peculiar to himself. At the top of his swing he gives the club a flourish which sends it over his head. Then he brings it back again and down in the same track as that which it occupied when going up.

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The team getting the greatest number of points shall be the winner of the match, and shall advance to the next round.

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Under the above system, the greatest number of matches necessary for any team to play during the season is four.

President John C. Davidson, of the Middle Atlantic Association, has scheduled a meeting of the board of management for May 15.

At that time a schedule for the home, and home matches will be adopted, and other matters of importance transacted.

The committee on advancement of the Middle Atlantic Association is composed of the following members: Harry B. Dillehunt, of Baltimore Country Club; John W. Bannister, of Bannockburn Golf Club; Morven Thompson, of Chevy Chase Club; Alpheus Winter, of Columbia, S. C.; Joshua Pennington, of Elkridge; D. H. Rucker, of Maryland Golf Club; J. W. McMullen, of Maryland Country Club; Joseph C. Taylor, of the Country Club of Virginia; A. C. Yates, of Washington Country Club, and J. Ralph Baily, of Wilmington, N. C.

At the annual meeting of the Middle Atlantic Golf Association the sum of \$150 was appropriated for use in the purchase of prizes in the team match contests, which will be provided for at the next meeting of the board of managers.

A prize to cost \$75 will be awarded the winner, one to cost \$50 to the runner-up, and a consolation trophy, as a consolation trophy.

The following rules, adopted by a specially appointed committee, composed of Morven Thompson, of Chevy Chase Club; Alpheus Winter, of Columbia, and Dr. T. J. W. Brown, of Bannockburn, have been accepted, and will govern all interclub contests under the association:

Clubs desiring to enter a team in the contest will notify the secretary of the association, Dr. Thomas J. W. Brown, 1332, Fifteenth Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., on or before May 15, 1913.

The teams entered will be drawn, according to the systems used by the United States National Lawn Tennis Association.

Would Be Sensation With Winning Team



Hub Perdue, the classy right-hander of the Boston Braves, who is now looked upon as one of the most effective twirlers in the National League. Unfortunately for Perdue, he is one of those first-class pitchers who is vied up with a hopeless second division aggregation, but who would undoubtedly be a sensation with a winning team.

social, regulations for the management of tournaments. See paragraph 15.

A player will not be allowed to play on the team of more than one club.

The team of each match shall consist of six players only.

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Miss Booker, Having Filled Covent Garden, Should Have No Trouble in Richmond.

Interest in the approaching festival of the Wednesday Club increases rapidly as the time approaches for its great series of concerts, and much discussion is heard among followers of music as to the merits of the various artists engaged.

John Powell was expressing his admiration for the singing of Miss Bettie Burwell Booker, who is to take part in the afternoon concert, to an interested listener several days ago when he was asked: "But is her voice large enough for the City Auditorium?"

"Well," replied Powell, "I have heard her a number of times in Covent Garden, in London, which is one of the great theatres of the world, from one of the back rows in the topmost gallery, and I have heard her every tone, clearly and distinctly, so I dare say she will be able to make herself heard even in the City Auditorium."

"I reckon she will," humbly admitted his interrogator. "Sounds like the City Auditorium isn't so doggone big after all."

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GRIFFITH LAUGHS AT COBB RUMOR

Scorns Idea of Politicians or Congress "Butting In" on Case of Tiger Holdout.

New York, April 20.—"I refuse to become excited over the latest doings of the Washington politicians on the Ty Cobb case," said Manager Griffith, today. "Of course, it isn't up to me, anyway; this is a matter for Ban Johnson and he is well able to take care of it himself."

"But I'd like to say this much right here about baseball as a trust. Baseball is our national pastime. The country stands behind it. The people know it to be absolutely on the level. Wise baseball men, most of whom have been connected with the game for years through all its troubles and tribulations, know from experience that it cannot be run under any other system than that which controls it now."

"I don't know anything about Representative Hardwick, but in Hoke Smith's case, why, this is nothing but the dead coming to life again; he sees a chance to get his name in the papers and grabs it."

President David L. Fultz, of the newly organized baseball players' fraternity, could not be found to-day, having gone out of town for Sunday.

Manager Griffith does not hesitate to say that Cobb is in the wrong in his contention with the Detroit club. "Cobb is wrong," says Griffith. "He'll find, too, that the fans are more interested in the standing of the Tigers than in the salary given a single player."

"Cobb is now the highest priced player in the game, and he is with a second division team. I have to laugh at the rumor that I was looking for him. I don't want any ball players who don't want to play ball, and Cobb is proving that he doesn't want to play ball. I don't know what Congress can do regarding baseball contracts. Undoubtedly Ban Johnson has good legal advice in all his workings, but I know that baseball will fall in the country if the present style of contract is done away with and we are compelled to go back to the old contracts used in the early days of the game. Baseball never got anywhere until the players were reserved from year to year. I don't expect these politicians to accomplish much in this matter."

House May Probe Cobb's Case.

Washington, April 20.—Tyrus Cobb has been a national issue. Neither the Japanese question, the tariff, the cost of living, nor the itch for office of hungry Democrats, can obscure the issue aforesaid. Congress is confronted by it and is going to tackle it.

For two or three sessions of Congress there has been a growing feeling in Congress that the baseball trust, or near-trust, was coming into collision with the cause of human rights. When "Ty" Cobb's liberties were invaded, or seemed to be, the camera's back was broken.

It seems pretty clear to many men at the Capitol that it is about time for Congress to take a hand in the country's chief industry, baseball, and proceed to umpire the game.

Anyhow, the matter is coming up in Congress, according to all indications. A congressional investigation is probable as the result of Cobb's trouble with the Detroit American League baseball club. The investigation, if made, will be directed to whether contracts such as required of Cobb are an invasion of the Sherman law or any other statutes made and provided.

Congressman Hardwick, of Georgia, will introduce a House resolution for investigation. Not to be behind the times, Senator Smith has taken the controversy up and is looking into the nature of Cobb's contract and whether it is valid. He has wired for a copy of it, and says that what he understands to exist cannot lawfully exist. Senator Smith will run for the Senate in Georgia next year. His friends say that if he interferes successfully for Ty Cobb, he will be as safe as a man who has swatted the ball over the fence. Nothing can stop him, and he will be given a lease for life on the senatorship, unless he should happen to want the presidency.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

At Montgomery: Montgomery 4; Memphis, 9.

At Mobile: Mobile, 1; New Orleans, 2.

Athletics Beat Orioles.

Baltimore, April 20.—The Philadelphia Athletics defeated the Baltimore Orioles at Back River to-day, 10 to 6.

Score by Innings:

	R	H	E
Philadelphia	0	0	2
Baltimore	0	0	0
Batteries	Taft and Schang; Davidson and Lidgate, Payne.		

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

At Providence: R. H. E.

	R	H	E
Providence	0	0	0
Rochester	1	8	2

Gibson Injured.

St. Louis, Mo., April 20.—George Gibson, catcher on the Pittsburgh Nationals, who was injured to-day, will be out of the game for at least a week. He left to-night for Pittsburgh. Gibson twisted his right ankle in colliding with the grandstand while after a foul ball.



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GREAT VESSEL LAUNCHED

Super-Dreadnought Provence Goes Down Ways at Lorient.

Lorient, France, April 20.—The super-dreadnought Provence was successfully launched here to-day. The order for the laying down of this ship was given in May, 1912, and the Minister of Marine has marked his appreciation by according one day's pay and half day's vacation to the men employed on its construction.

Another super-dreadnought, the Bratagne, will be launched at Brest tomorrow.

The design of the Provence, the Bratagne and the Lorrain, the third super-dreadnought, shows a radical change in the armament. A single turret is placed amidship, with an arc of fire of 120 degrees on either side.

Red Sox Twirlers Strong



Charley Hall, one of the mainstays of the Boston Red Sox pitching staff, which Manager Jake Stahl declares to be stronger than any other corps of sharpshooters in the American League.

DIES AFTER FLIGHT OF HEART FAILURE

President of Royal Aero Club and Prominent Sportsman Expires With Tragic Suddenness.

London, April 20.—Sir Charles Day Rose, M. P., president of the Royal Aero Club, yachtman and breeder of race horses, died to-day with tragic suddenness.

He made his first flight as a passenger in an aeroplane at Hendon this afternoon, and was delighted with his novel experience. On his way to his home in a motor car he died from heart failure.

Charles Day Rose, the second son of the Right Hon. Sir John Rose, of Montreal, was born in 1847 in that city. He was created a baronet in 1899. He had been a member of the Jockey Club since 1891, and was for a time racing partner of King Edward VII., when Prince of Wales. He was president of the Royal Automobile Club of England.

Later he became interested in yachting. He once issued a challenge for the America cup, which, however, was withdrawn.

He sat in the British House of Commons for the New Market Division of Cambridgeshire from January, 1903, to January, 1910, when he was defeated, but he was re-elected in December, 1910. He was a Liberal. His mother was the daughter of Robert Emmet Temple, of Rutland, Vt. His father, Sir John Rose, was the partner of Lord P. Morton in the Anglo-American banking house of Morton, Rose & Co., Sir Charles later taking his father's place in the partnership.

AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—"Bought and Paid For." Bilton—"The Common Law." Colman—"Vandeville." Emure—"Hustler" in miniature. Orpheum—"Pictures." Little Theatre—"Pictures."

Big Week at the Academy.

Instead of flickering out, leaving behind only the sooty trail of "The Kiss Waltz," the regular season of the Academy of Music comes to an end this week with something in the nature of a blazing climax.

Two of the most notable dramatic offerings of several seasons will split the week between them, so that every evening and two afternoons the house will be open for performances which should be distinctly worth while.

"Bought and Paid For" is an immensely successful play, and reports from the South indicate that the company that will present it here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday is thoroughly competent, while the amazing scenic effects of "The Garden of Allah" have won columns of praise from the press. The Robert Hichens play will be seen on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Quite a week for theatrical Richmond, and, remembering the coarse work of the Shuberts in sending Valdeska Suratt here at \$2, it should prove a week of expiation as well as of enjoyment.

By the way, it is only fair to call attention again to the fact that the management of the local house did not fix the scale of prices for the Suratt burlesque show.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

At Minneapolis: Minneapolis, 5; Toledo, 8.

At Milwaukee: Milwaukee, 9; Indianapolis, 2.

At St. Paul: St. Paul, 5; Louisville, 13 (eleven innings).

At Kansas City: Kansas City, 9; Columbus, 12.

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